

# Education Commission

## 2020-07-21 meeting minutes

- Call to order – David 7:15pm
- Approve minutes from last meeting
  - David re-shared minutes
- Sharing brainstorm ideas
  - Caleb
    - Metrics dashboard based on MD Department of Education
    - Socioeconomic comparisons among others
    - AR: Knowing demographics of students *and* teachers could impact how we approach problems
  - Adriana
    - Increasing count of teachers of color in the school system
    - Anti-racism in curriculum; social justice across the country
  - David
    - Compiling resources i.e. people to reach out to
    - STEM/Coding club volunteers—need volunteers
    - Question to the group: if we introduce BoE (or other “VIP’s”) members to the commission periodically, who are they, what can they help us do?
  - Ana (via Teams chat)
    - After school programs
    - Parent involvement
    - Lack of diverse staff
  - Tarolyn
    - Grassroots – what does the community want from us to present to Board of Alderman/Mayor?
    - Process of going from high school to college
    - What percentage of students “finish” at FCC?
    - Students expressing they feel they’re part of an educational “prison pipeline”
  - Tiana
    - Dedicated youth spaces, particularly during COVID-19
      - Some places only available with membership
    - How can we use/partner with the city youth council?
  - Erin
    - Reached out to community partners and many of our ideas were echoed
    - Focus on Social Studies curriculum in the city
- Discussed alternative platforms
  - Pam helped clarify what we can do officially and with respect to Open Meetings Act
  - David will volunteer “tech support” as needed to test out Trello and/or other platforms
- No new business
- Adjourned
  - Caleb motioned

- David seconded 8:11pm